

Innovative Multi-Berth Kayak Float Debuts at Fifth Annual Manhasset Bay Kayak Run

Port Washington, NY—Thanks to an innovative float the town recently installed at the town dock, the growing numbers of kayakers across the town, including the scores predicted to participate in next month's fifth annual Manhasset Bay Kayak Run, can expect an easier and safer launch.

Designed and built by carpenter John Alosio, a long-time Town of North Hempstead Parks Department employee, the new float stationed on the south side of the town dock can accommodate the simultaneous launching of three crafts.

"With North Hempstead's picturesque harbors, family-friendly beaches and miles of stunning shorelines, a principal focus of this administration is to increasing accessibility to the town's waterfronts," said Supervisor Jon Kaiman. "The installation of this new kayak float will help to enhance that accessibility."

Councilman Fred Pollack commented on the other advantages of the new Kayak ramp.

"The Kayak Run is a tremendous opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to experience the beauty of Manhasset Bay," said Pollack. "The new kayak float built and installed by the Town's Parks Department will make it even easier for kayakers to use Manhasset Bay all season long," he added.

It should also ease the entry into the water for the hordes of participants expected at the Aug. 8 Kayak Run, which takes to the waters from the town dock at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by North Hempstead, the Port Kayak Club, Atlantic Outfitters and the Community Chest, the event provides an opportunity for kayakers of all skill levels to explore Manhasset Bay.

The Kayak Run, which covers a six mile course with check points along the way, is not a race, organizers said, but participants can qualify for prizes.

Participants can bring their own crafts or rent one for the event from Atlantic Outfitters, located on Main Street in Port Washington, at a special reduced rate.

Application forms are available from a number of venues: The Community Chest website, www.portchest.com, the town dock, Atlantic Outfitters, and the Twin Pines Food Co-op.

The \$25 per adult entry fee (\$35 if paid on Aug. 8) and \$5 for participants under age 20 will benefit the Community Chest, a not-for-profit organization established more than fifty years ago to raise funds for distribution to local charities dedicated to improving people's lives.

Kayak enthusiasts looking to broaden their horizons on North Hempstead's expansive waterways are not just limited to Manhasset Bay, the town's most popular kayaking playground, said Bay

Constable Mal Nathan.

The Leads pond area and Roslyn Harbor in the back of North Hempstead Beach Park, is a very picturesque body of water teeming with marine life, Nathan said, adding that Kayakers can launch their crafts from a boat ramp there.

For more information on Kayaking in the Town of North Hempstead, please call 311.